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In the application of:

Shinichi ITO

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For: ELECTRONIC MUSICAL
INSTRUMENT CONNECTED TO
COMPUTER KEYBOARD

Examiner: David S. Warren

Group Art Unit: 2837

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicant submits for consideration in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. These documents were cited in a corresponding Japanese application. Copies of the publications are submitted herewith, along with the Japanese and English translations of the office action. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record.

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Applicant would appreciate the Examiner initialing and returning the Form PTO-1449, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

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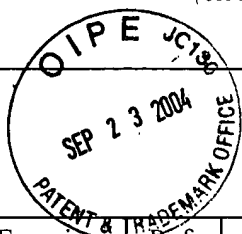
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Ref. No.	Date	Document No.	Country	Class	Subclass	Translation YES NO
	1.	05/31/1996	08-127576	Japan			Abstract
	2.	11/17/1998	10-307583	Japan			Abstract

OTHER DOCUMENTS

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